

have been developed out of the monopolistic tyranny of men over women, and out of the ascetic negation of sex, the common element in which is a prurient and unhealthy sensuality.

382. "One flesh." The notion or figure of "one flesh" is not peculiar to the Jewish or Christian religion. In the Old Testament it clearly refers to carnal union. It has been used to express the ideal that marriage should be the fusion of two lives and interests. It is instructive to notice, in all the discussions of marriage which are to be found in all ages, how few and commonplace are the things which have been said, and how largely refuge has been taken in figures of speech.

"One flesh," if not carnal, is only ritual, but ritual conceptions are only conventional conceptions, — good amongst those who agree to repeat the formulas and perform the ritual acts. They are not realities.

The problem of marriage is that two human beings try to live together. They are two and not one. Since they are two, their tastes, desires, characters, and wills are two.

Ethical philosophers or jurists may be able to define the "one-flesh" idea by translating it into rights and duties, but no state authority can enforce such a definition. Therefore it is nugatory.

The idea belongs in an arena beyond state or family, where two make a world. It is beyond the mores also, except so far as the mores have educated the man and woman to a sense of the conduct which is necessary to marital harmony, by the judgments which are current on the hundreds of cases, real or imaginary, which come up for

discussion. How then shall two wills be one will? The old way was that one will (the woman's) always was bound to yield.

Since that no longer seems right, the modern

way is endless  
discussion, a defeat for one, and all the inevitable  
consequences  
in daily experience and effect on character.  
383. Pair marriage. Pair marriage is the union  
of one man  
and one woman in which all the rights, duties,  
powers, and  
privileges are equal and alike for both, the  
relationship being  
mutual and reciprocal in all points. • It therefore  
produces a com-  
plete fusion of two lives and interests. Pair  
marriage and all its  
attendant mores are products of monopoly.  
Herodotus<sup>1</sup> says of

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